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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: Barry Ross MATTHEWS *et al.*  
Title: INHIBITION OF TOXIC MATERIALS OR SUBSTANCES  
USING DENDRIMERS  
Appl. No.: 09/786,972  
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Art Unit: 1615

**AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116**

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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Final Office Action dated April 20, 2004, concerning the above-referenced patent application.

Applicants have enclosed with this amendment a Petition for Extension of Time to make this response timely.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this document. This amendment adds, changes and/or deletes claims in this application. A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claim(s) remain under examination in the application, is presented, with an appropriate defined status identifier.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows.

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